

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 92

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 62

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 92—Relative to the Don Clausen Highway.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 92, Hauser. Don Clausen Highway.

This measure would designate the Redwood National Park Bypass on State Highway Route 101 the Don Clausen Highway.

The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect appropriate plaques and markers.

WHEREAS, In 1992, the State of California completed the 12-mile bypass of Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park and the Redwood National Park on State Highway Route 101 in northern Humboldt and southern Del Norte Counties after 8 years of construction; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate to name this portion of highway in honor of the person most responsible for its development; and

WHEREAS, Donald H. Clausen served the nation and the State of California and its northcoast for 20 years as a Representative to the United States Congress for the 1st District, from 1963 to 1983, and was a national leader in the development and improvement of transportation systems; and

WHEREAS, As the senior ranking member of the House Public Works and Transportation Committee, Donald H. Clausen authored legislation and enlisted the support from his congressional colleagues and the President of the United States for a one hundred five million dollar (\$105,000,000) federal appropriation to provide for the construction of the Redwood National Park Bypass project as a way to enhance travel on State Highway Route 101 and reduce the conflicts between through traffic and park users; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Clausen served as a member of the House Interior and Insular Committee, which oversees the National Parks system; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Clausen was instrumental in the establishment of Redwood National Park Visitor Center near Orick and the Redwood National Park Headquarters in Crescent City; and

WHEREAS, Don Clausen served his nation as a carrier pilot in World War II in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater; and

WHEREAS, Don Clausen served his community as a member of the Board of Supervisors for Del Norte County from 1955 to 1962; and

WHEREAS, Following his career in Congress, Don Clausen served as the Director of Special Programs for the Federal Aviation Administration for seven years; and

WHEREAS, Don Clausen has continued to the present to be actively involved in local, statewide, and national transportation endeavors, serving on many boards and councils, including the California Transportation Foundation Board of Directors, where he has worked on many programs to honor those responsible for innovative projects and lifetime achievements in the transportation field, and in awarding educational scholarships; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that the portion of State Highway Route 101 be named the “Don Clausen Highway” in recognition of his unyielding efforts to achieve the construction of this project, and for his lifetime accomplishments in support of his country, state, and community; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Redwood National Park Bypass on State Highway Route 101 is hereby officially designated the Don Clausen Highway; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of erecting the appropriate plaques and markers, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing the special designation, and upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those plaques and markers; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief clerk of the Assembly transmit a copy of this resolution to the Director of Transportation.